

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (New) An improved tape rule housing comprising:  
a pair of case halves coupled together at respective inner sides of said case halves, each case half being formed of a plastic material and having a first recess on an upper portion thereof and a second recess on a lower portion of said case half, said first recess extending from an outer side of said case half to an upwardly extending partition plate disposed adjacent said inner side of said case half, said upwardly extending partition plates of said pair of case halves being disposed in juxtaposition;

a pair of first pads respectively disposed in said first recesses of said pair of case halves, each of said first pads being formed of a rubber material and having a plurality of ribs extending from an outer surface thereof; and,

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a pair of second pads respectively disposed in said second recesses of said pair of case halves, each of said second pads being formed of a rubber material and having a plurality of ribs extending from an outer surface thereof.